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1. AMCIT MICHAEL CLARK, VETERAN HEAD OF PRESS SECTION IN OPI AT UN GENEVA OFFICES, HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT HE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF UN'S OPI IN TOKYO. CLARK HAD CALL FROM NORMAN HO AT UN HEADQUARTERS TO TELL HIM THAT SELECTION NOW IS BEFORE ASG AKATANI.

2. CLARK, WHO CAME TO UN STAFF AFTER LONG CAREER AS NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT, OF COURSE IS ELATED AT PROSPECT OF ONE OF TOP UN INFORMATION JOBS. ADDITIONALLY, THIS WOULD MEAN ALMOST CERTAIN PROMOTION TO D-1. CLARK NOW IS P-5.

3. HOWEVER, CLARK FEARS - AND MISSION SHARES HIS APPREHENSION- THAT HIS APPOINTMENT WELL MAY GO BY THE BOARD UNDER PRESSURES OF COMPTETING CANDIDACIES SURE TO DEVELOP UNLESS HE GETS ALL-OUT USG SUPPORT.

4. MISSION FULLY BACKS CLARK CANDIDACY AND BESPEAKS DEPARTMENT'S ENERGETIC EFFORTS IN HIS BEHALF. CLARK IS KNOWN TO US AS A JOURNALISTIC PRO WHO HAS HANDLED HIS
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PRESENT POSITION EFFECTIVELY AND GIVES EVERY PROMISE OF

DOING THE SAME IN A HIGHER ONE. ALSO, HE HAS BEEN A TRUSTY SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON GENEVA UN AFFAIRS FOR MISSION AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE THE SAME IN HIS NEW ROLE.

5. CLARK'S MOVE TO TOKYO WOULD AT LEAST PARTIALLY REDRESS IMBALANCE WHICH FINDS AMCITS ABSENT FROM ALL TOP OPI POSTS OUTSIDE NEW YORK. THIS, OF COURSE, IS FURTHER REASON FOR BACKING COMPETENT AMERICAN CANDIDATE.

6. CLARK BELIEVES, AND WE AGREE, THAT APPOINTMENT WILL REQUIRE WALDHEIM'S CONCURRENCE -- AN ASPECT DEPT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND IN PLANNING APPROACHES ON THIS MATTER. CLARK, INCIDENTALLY, WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON TDY FOR DURATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. NEW APPOINTMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING OF YEAR.

7. IF CLARK APPOINTMENT GOES THROUGH, THESE ARE PROBABLE FURTHER REALIGNMENTS IN GENEVA OPI. AS MISSION HAS REPORTED BEFORE, INSIDE TRACK TO HEAD PRESS SECTION IS HELD BY FRANCIS COOK (FRENCH) WHO WAS PASSED OVER AT TIME CLARK WAS APPOINTED. COOK, WHO NOW IS CHIEF OF FRENCH DESK IN PRESS SECTION AS WELL AS UN SPOKESMAN, HAS PROMISE OF CHARLES BOURBONNIERE, CHIEF OF OPI, THAT JOB WOULD BE HIS WHEN CLARK LEAVES.

8. COOK CAN BE EXPECTED TO RETAIN POSITIONS OF SPOKESMAN AND CHIEF OF FRENCH DESK. HOWEVER, POSITION OF CHIEF OF ENGLISH DESK (P-4 LEVEL) WOULD THEN OPEN UP. MISSION INTENDS TO APPROACH BOURBONNIERE TO RENEW EFFORTS ON BEHALF WILLIAM MAHONEY, NORMAN ACKERMAN; POSSIBLY PAUL RESS OR GEORGE WYNNE, IF THEY ARE INTERESTED.

9. RECOMMENDED ACTION: THAT DEPARTMENT AND USUN MAKE ALL NECESSARY APPROACHES AT UN, INCLUDING TOP LEVEL, TO SUPPORT CLARK MOVE. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S THOUGHTS ON CLARK SUCCESSION.DALE

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